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### **Overseas, Biden to Speak on Importance of Rule of Law**

*U.S. Ambassadors to Romania and Ukraine asked Biden to share his perspective as Attorney General, major in the Army National Guard's JAG Corps, and former USDOJ Interim Legal Advisor in Kosovo*

**Wilmington** – At the invitation of two U.S. Ambassadors, Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden is in Romania and Ukraine this week to deliver three speeches on the importance of the rule of law and an independent judiciary in a democratic society.

- On Tuesday, Biden will deliver the keynote address at the Promoting and Ensuring Transparency and Accountability with the Judiciary regional counter corruption conference in Bucharest, Romania. The annual conference brings together law enforcement officers from 20 European countries and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. Last year, Biden participated in a panel discussion at the conference, which was held in Zagreb, Croatia. Biden's speech is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. Romanian time (3:45 a.m. EDT). The speech is expected to be streamed online at Romanian news site [www.hotnews.ro](http://www.hotnews.ro) and the text of Biden's remarks will be available upon request.
- On Thursday, Biden will speak at the dedication ceremony for the new U.S. embassy in Bucharest. Romanian Prime Minister Mihai Răzvan Ungureanu will also speak at the ceremony, which begins at 4 p.m. Romanian time (10 a.m. EST). The dedication ceremony is also expected to be streamed online at [www.hotnews.ro](http://www.hotnews.ro) and the text of Biden's remarks will be available upon request.
- On Saturday, Biden will be the featured speaker at the U.S. Ambassador's Forum at the American embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. The forum is a leadership and policy series hosted by U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine John Tefft and is aimed at creating a regular opportunity for the examination of the ideas, trends and forces impacting the world. The series brings prominent speakers, innovators and experts in a wide range of fields from the United States to Kyiv for an exchange of perspectives on issues facing Ukraine, the U.S., and the global community. The Forum begins at 5 p.m. Ukrainian time (11 a.m. EST).

U.S. Ambassador to Romania Mark Gitenstein invited Biden to speak at both events in Bucharest, and Ambassador Tefft asked Biden to speak at the Ambassador's Forum in Kyiv. The U.S. State Department is paying for the trip.